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Ideals Of Cuban Exiles

The letter of H. J. Campbell, "Cuba for the Cubans," is not concerned with all the Cubans entering the country, but with the apparent apathy this administration seems to have with an enemy only 90 miles away.

I remind Mr. Campbell that there are 274,000 Cuban exiles only in the United States, and a number close to that scattered over the world, and that we do not need any blood but Cuban in this fight.

All we need is that U.S. Government agencies stop seizing expeditions manned and financed by hard-working Cubans (sometimes financed by the CIA).

We do not want the "Marines" sent to Cuba so they can "gift" us a free country. We do not want occupation or devastation for our Cuba unless we, Cubans, are in the first fighting line.

We only need the U.S. to allow us to fight for our country, which is the least the U.S. can do for us.

I came to this country in 1960 when I could no longer protect those ideals that compose the foundations of our respective countries, and I came not seeking for a place to re-start my life, but rather for the place to keep on fighting to have in my Cuba what this nation means and represents. You seem eager to deny me the right to fight for it.

For these ideals I struggled in Cuba before I left, I fought at Bay of Pigs with Brigade 2506, and for these ideals I am willing to fight again if I have the opportunity now denied me.

I want a free Cuba, but I also want a respected nation. I want you to look at Cuba as a sister nation and not as a territory of occupation. I want you to respect my little island, just as I respect your great United States.

And in behalf of the exiles here and the ones to come, may I say that our exile does not come from the fact that we were materially affected, but because our personal principles were betrayed. As it is, we choose to sacrifice material belongings in behalf of our principles.—RAMON J. COLUNGA,
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